

Comparison of Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Child Nutrition Programs

This side-by-side comparison of the Programs serves to highlight the similarities between child nutrition programs administered by the Arizona Department of Education School Health and Nutrition Services. The programs include Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Afterschool Care Snack Program (ACSP), and the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Topic	Traditional SFSP	Seamless Waiver SFSP	NSLP/SBP	ACSP	SMP
Times of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May – September for traditional school calendar areas • October-April during unanticipated school closures (i.e. emergencies) • During student vacations for schools on a continuous year calendar 	Same as SFSP	When school is in session as established by the school district, including summer school.	When school is in session as established by the school district, including summer school.	Throughout the year.
Meal Service Locations	Camps Churches Community Centers Housing projects Libraries Migrant centers Parks Playgrounds Pools Schools	Same as SFSP	Schools Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCI's)	Schools	Nonprofit schools (except schools participating in the National School Lunch Program), Nonprofit preschools, childcare centers, settlement houses, summer camps, and split-session kindergarten (that do not have access to NSLP)

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Meal Cost for Children	<p>All meals are free, except in residential and non-residential camps.</p> <p>*Note: free = F reduced price = RP</p>	Same as SFSP, i.e., free meals for all except in camps	Meal cost (F/RP/paid) for children is based on their income eligibility.	<p>Free for area eligible afterschool snack sites.</p> <p>Non-area eligible site snack cost (F/RP/paid) for children is based on their income eligibility.</p>	<p>Milk cost for non-pricing and pricing programs without free milk is the paid rate.</p> <p>Milk cost for pricing programs with free milk is free to all children.</p>
Establishing Site Eligibility	<p><u>Open sites:</u> 50 % or more of the children in an area qualify for free or reduced price school meals, based on school or census data.</p> <p><u>Enrolled sites:</u> 50 % of household income applications that families submitted are eligible for free or reduced price meals.</p> <p><u>Migrant sites:</u> Certification by a migrant organization that the sites serves children of migrant farm workers.</p>	Same as SFSP	<p><u>Schools:</u> Public and private non-profit schools of high school grade and under that are part of State's education system.</p> <p><u>RCCI's:</u> Public and licensed, non-profit, private</p>	<p>District must run the NSLP and sponsor or operate an after school care program with educational and/or enrichment activities.</p> <p><u>Area eligible afterschool snack sites:</u> 50% or more of the children in the attendance area of a school qualify for F/RP school meals, based on school data.</p> <p><u>Non-area eligible afterschool snack sites:</u> <50% of the children in the attendance area of a school qualify for F/RP school meals, based on school data.</p> <p><u>RCCI's and Boarding Schools:</u></p>	Nonprofit schools (except schools participating in the National School Lunch Program), Nonprofit preschools, childcare centers, settlement houses, summer camps, and split-session kindergarten (that do not have access to NSLP)

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Establishing Site Eligibility	Camps: offer a regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children			Must participate in the NSLP and are eligible to operate the Afterschool Care Snack Program as long as the above criteria are met.	
Type of Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch • Snack (AM or PM) • Supper <p>Except for migrant sites, lunch & supper cannot be reimbursed for the same day by the same site.</p>	Same as SFSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk
Maximum Number of Meals	<p>2 for most sites</p> <p>3 for migrant sites and camps</p>	Same as SFSP	3	Not specified.	There is no limit to the number of half-pints each eligible child can receive each day (only one half-pint may be claimed for reimbursement per child).
Commodities	<p>\$.015 per meal for public sponsors and self-prep sites (FY 2004).</p> <p>May receive bonus commodities</p>	Same as NSLP	<p>\$.1575 per lunch (SY 2003/2004)</p> <p>May receive bonus commodities</p>	May use NSLP commodities toward reimbursable snacks.	Not Applicable

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Reimbursement Rates	SFSP FY 2004 rates (see attached)	NSLP & SBP free rates (see attached)	NSLP & SBP rates (see attached)	ACSP rates (see attached)	Milk is reimbursed at a Free rate or a Paid rate. The Free rate is determined annually by USDA every July 1, while the Paid rate is the average cost of a half-pint as charged by the milk vendor to the program. sponsor.
Reimbursement Method	<p>Maximum level for all sites except camps = total meals by type of meal X operating & admin rates. Maximum level for camps = total meals by type for eligible children X operating & admin rates.</p> <p>Final reimbursement = lesser of actual costs or “operating rates x meals” and lowest of budgeted or actual costs or “admin rates x meals”*</p> <p>*Note: the 14 States participating in the Lugar pilot receive maximum</p>	<p>Total meals by type X NSLP/SBP free rate</p> <p>(No administrative reimbursement)</p>	<p>Total meals by type X free, reduced, or paid rate for each type of meal.</p> <p>Extra \$.02 per lunch if 60% of lunches in second preceding year were F or RP</p> <p>Additional payments for F/RP breakfasts in severe need schools</p>	<p><u>Area eligible sites</u> are reimbursed at the free rate for snacks served regardless of each individual child's eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals.</p> <p><u>Non-area eligible sites</u> will be reimbursed at the free, reduced-price or paid rate, depending on each child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.</p> <p>Schools may be reimbursed for one snack per child per day.</p>	<p><u>Non-Pricing Programs and Pricing Programs without Free Milk:</u> Total milk X paid rate.</p> <p><u>Pricing Programs with Free Milk:</u> Total ½ pint served by type X free or paid rate for each type.</p> <p>Reimbursement payments are made to program sponsors based on the number of half-pints of milk served each month to eligible children.</p> <p>Milk served to adults or milk used in cooking may not be claimed for reimbursement.</p>

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	reimbursement levels without comparison to costs.				
Monitoring Required by SFA	<p>Pre-operational visits before a site operates the summer program.</p> <p>Site visits the first week of operation (waived for experienced SFA sponsors).</p> <p>Site review during first 4 weeks of operation, followed by monitoring.</p>	Review of meal counting, claiming and meal pattern compliance within 3 weeks of start of operations. SA may waive if the site had no problems in the previous summer.	Onsite review of lunch counting and claiming system for each school by Feb. 1 st each year.	Review each afterschool care snack program two times a year (first review shall be made during the first 4 weeks the school is in operation each school year)	Not Applicable
Monitoring Required by State	Review every 3 years; more frequently based on program size and prior problems identified by the SA.	Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) every 5 years. Must include one seamless site in a CRE review of a SFA participating in the waiver.	<p>CRE every 5 years.</p> <p>School Meal Initiative (SMI) review every 5 years to determine how well SFA is meeting the nutrition standards.</p>	The ACSP must be reviews during a follow-up CRE for the NSLP.	SA must conduct review of schools for compliance with SMP when schools are being reviewed for NSLP.
Meal Pattern	Meal pattern must meet 7 CFR 225.16(d) standards. However, SFAs may substitute	Same as NSLP/SBP	Must meet requirement for NSLP menu planning approaches in 7 CFR 210.10; or SBP approaches in 7 CFR 220.8; including those	Must meet meal pattern requirement for ACSP in 7 CFR (n).	One half pint of milk per child.

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	NSLP/SBP meal patterns.		based on meal patterns.		
Eligible Participants	Persons 18 years or younger and persons 19 or older with a physical or mental disability, as defined by the SA.	Same as SFSP	Students enrolled in a school of high school grade and under determined by the SA; including persons enrolled in a school program for the mentally or physically disabled; and persons under 21 enrolled in an RCCI.	Students enrolled in a school of high school grade or under determined by the SA; including persons enrolled in a school program for the mentally or physically disabled; and persons under 21 enrolled in an RCCI.	Available to children in nonprofit schools (except schools participating in the National School Lunch Program), nonprofit preschools, childcare centers, settlement houses, summer camps, and split-session kindergarten programs conducted in schools which do not provide access to the regular meal service for these children.
Public Notification	Sponsor must send public media notice regarding program and eligibility.	Public media notice may be done but is not required. SFA must state in waiver request how each site (excluding closed enrolled sites) will advertise availability of meals to the neighborhood community.	SFA must send public media notice regarding program and letter or notice with an application to parents for all children in attendance at the school at the beginning of each school year.	Not stated in CFR. However, suggested by ADE.	Parents must be provided with written notification about the program.

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Reimbursement Rates Effective July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 Expressed in Dollars or Fractions Thereof

<u>NSLP</u>		<u>Less than 60%</u>	<u>60% or More</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>
Contiguous States				
	Paid	.21	.23	.29
	Reduced Price	1.84	1.86	2.01
	Free	2.24	2.26	2.41
<u>SBP</u>		<u>Non-Severe Need</u>		<u>Severe Need</u>
Contiguous States				
	Paid	.23		.23
	Reduced Price	.93		1.17
	Free	1.23		1.47
<u>SMP</u>		<u>All Milk</u>	<u>Paid Milk</u>	<u>Free Milk</u>
Pricing Programs without Free option		.17	N/A	N/A
Pricing Programs with free option		N/A	.17	Average cost per ½ pint of milk
Non-pricing Programs		.17	N/A	N/A
<u>ACSP</u>				
Contiguous States				
	Paid	.05		
	Reduced Price	.30		
	Free	.61		